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For: NONCYCLIC 1,3-DICARBONYL  
COMPOUNDS AS DUAL PPAR  
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***AMENDMENT***

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006, the Applicants herein amend the above-identified application for patent. The Applicants herein petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Commissioner is duly authorized to charge the proper fee due under 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No.02-4800.

The currently pending claims and amendments thereto are recited beginning at page 2.

The Applicants' remarks begin at page 11.